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AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: TENNECO SEVEN

REFERENCE: ADDIS 6047

1. REFTEL MOST TIMELY AND USEFUL. WE SHARED ITS CONTENTS WITH OUR CANADIAN COLLEAGUES HERE.

2. CANADIAN EMBOFF COMMENTED THAT EMBASSY ADDIS HAD MADE SEVERAL POINTS OF SIMILAR NATURE TO OTTAWA. ADDITIONALLY, EMBASSY POINTED OUT THAT FAMILIES OF CANADIAN CAPTIVES SEEMED SATISFIED WITH TENNECO INVOLVEMENT; AND THAT AS LONG AS THEY DID NOT COMPLAIN, POLITICAL PRESSURES ON GOC SHOULD NOT INTENSIFY. FINALLY, EMBASSY MADE POINT THAT IF CANADIAN PRESS WERE TO PERCEIVE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN USG AND GOC POSITION, THEY WOULD EXPLOIT THIS TO DISADVANTAGE OF BOTH OBERNMENTS.

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3. EMBOFF ADDED THAT AS RESULT OF RECOMMENDATIONS

OF CANADIAN EMB WASHINGTON PLUS CANADIAN AMB ADDIS
MENTIONED PARA 6 REFTEL, GOC HAS DECIDED TO POSTPONE
DECISION FOR TIME-BEING (AT LEAST UNTIL BEGINNING
OF NEXT WEEK) RE POSSIBLE FURTHER JOINT APPROACH
TO IEG.

4. DEPT AND CANADIANS HAVE BEEN COORDINATING PRESS
GUIDANCE TO EXTENT POSSIBLE IN ORDER AVOID ANY CONFLICTING
STATEMENTS BY EITHER SIDE WHICH WOULD COMPOUND PROBLEMS
FOR BOTH GOVERNMENTS AS WELL AS POSSIBLY CREATE
ADDITIONAL PROBLEMS FOR CAPTIVES.

5. AT NOON PRESS BRIEFING STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN
SAID:

QUOTE: Q. JOHN, IS THERE ANY PROGRESS REPORT ON THAT
KIDNAPPED NURSE IN ETHIOPIA?

A. WELL, I SUPPOSE THE LATEST THING IS THAT SEVERAL
MISSIONARY PROJECTS IN THE ERITREA PROVINCE TO WHICH
AMERICAN CITIZENS WERE ATTACHED HAVE BEEN CLOSED. THAT
WOULD SEEM TO BE A NEW DEVELOPMENT. I GATHER SOME
FOREIGN MISSIONS ARE CLOSING AS WELL, AT LEAST ONE.

Q. ARE YOU THROUGH?

A. NO, I'M JUST GOING THROUGH THE MATERIAL I GOT
HERE. WELL, LET ME JUST SAY THAT THE EMBASSY IN ADDIS,
AS WELL AS THE CONSULATE GENERAL IN ASMARA, ARE
RECOMMENDING THAT AMERICAN CITIZENS BE ADVISED TO
AVOID TRAVELING IN THE ERITREA PROVINCE FOR THE PRESENT
BECAUSE OF THESE, THIS COMBINATION OF INCIDENTS IN
WHICH AMERICANS WERE THE TARGET OF ATTACKS BY THE
ERITREAN LIBERATION FRONT. UNQUOTE

DEPT HAS PASSED STATEMENTS TO CANADIAN EMBASSY. BROWN

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